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BOARD BRIEFS



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Board Recognitions

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine



Since 1963, North Carolina's governors have reserved their highest honor, The Order of the Long Leaf Pine award, for persons who have made significant contributions to the state and their communities through their exemplary service and exceptional accomplishments.

Congratulations Ms. Margaret Ellis,
Former Vance County Schools Board of Education

Mr. Terry Garrison presented Ms. Margaret Ellis, former Board of Education member, The Order of the Long Leaf Pine award. Ellis is being presented the highest award given by the state for giving over 40 years of service to Henderson and Vance County. She served the Vance County BOE for 32 years. Notable of her accomplishments include being on the BOE when the district entered the Leandro lawsuit. She was also a large part of the civil rights and environmental justice in both Vance and Warren Counties.



School Bus Driver Appreciation



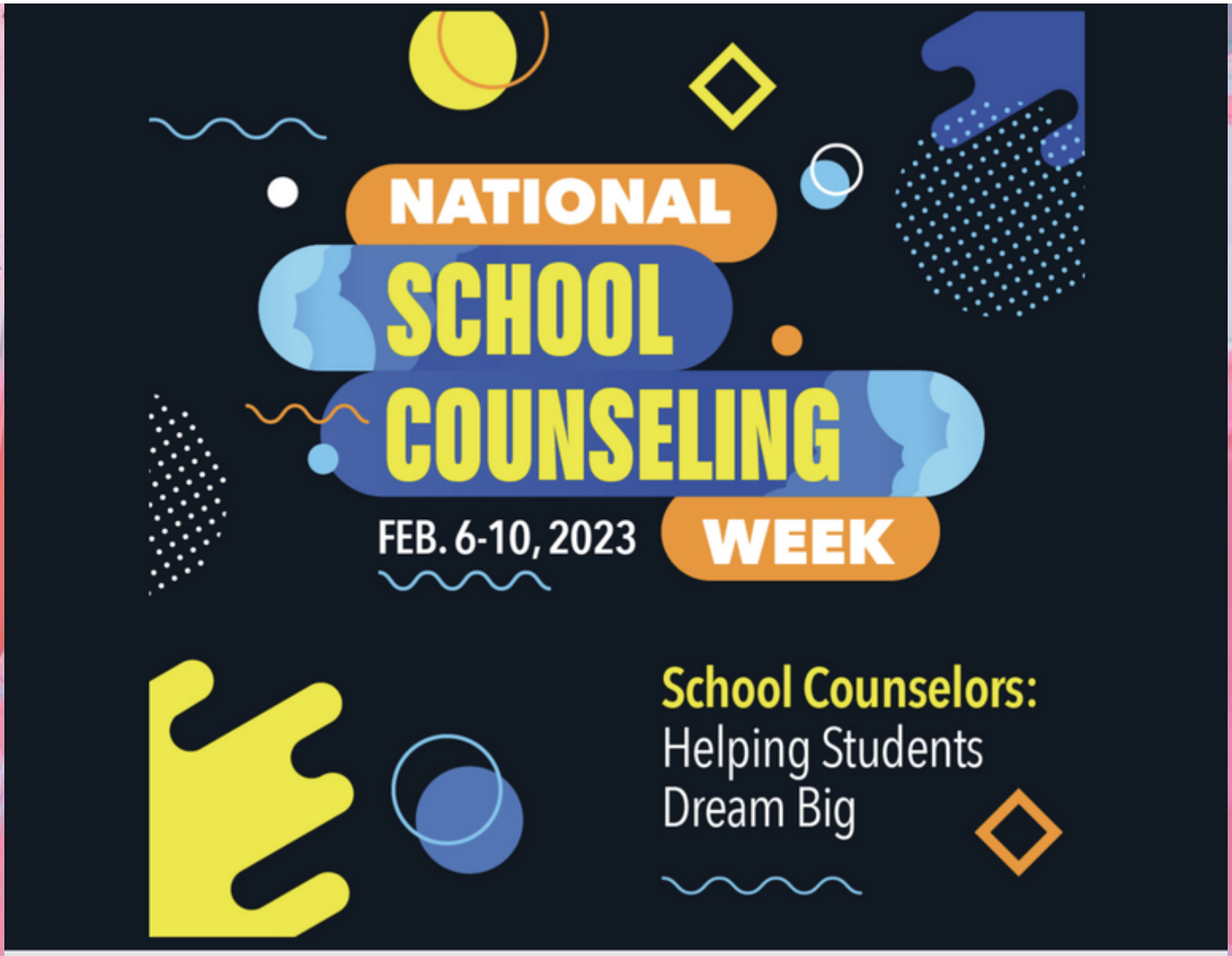
School Bus Driver Appreciation

February 22 is National School Bus Driver Appreciation Month. Vance County Schools is grateful for each of our bus drivers as they commit daily to getting our students safely to and from school.

Every year in NC, the week of Valentine's Day is declared as Love the Bus week by the Governor. Chief Operations Officer, Kevin Perdue, shared that in NC, over 13,000 school buses carry more than 790,000 students to and from school every day. We are thankful for each of our bus drivers. The BOE recognized bus drivers with perfect attendance during the 2022-2023 school year.

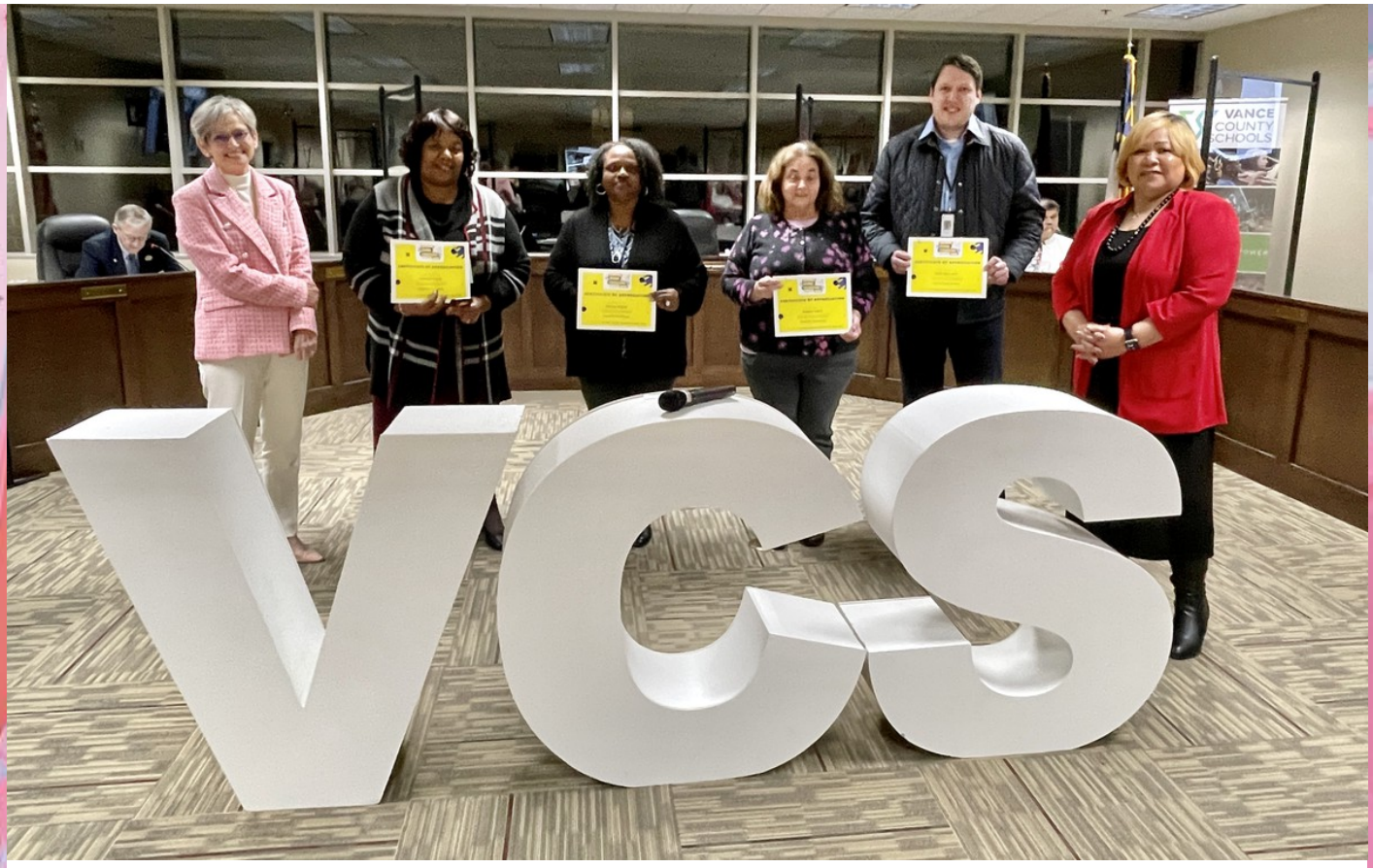


National School Counseling Week



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The Board of Education recognized each of our school counselors, honoring them as part of National School Counseling Week. February 6-10, counselors were honored Nationwide for their commitment to supporting students academically and emotionally.



Educators Performing with Excellence

The Board of Education recognized educators whose 2022-2023 student performance scores were in the Top 25% of district and/or Top 25% in the state of North Carolina for Reading and/or Math. For Vance County Schools, the following educators were honored:

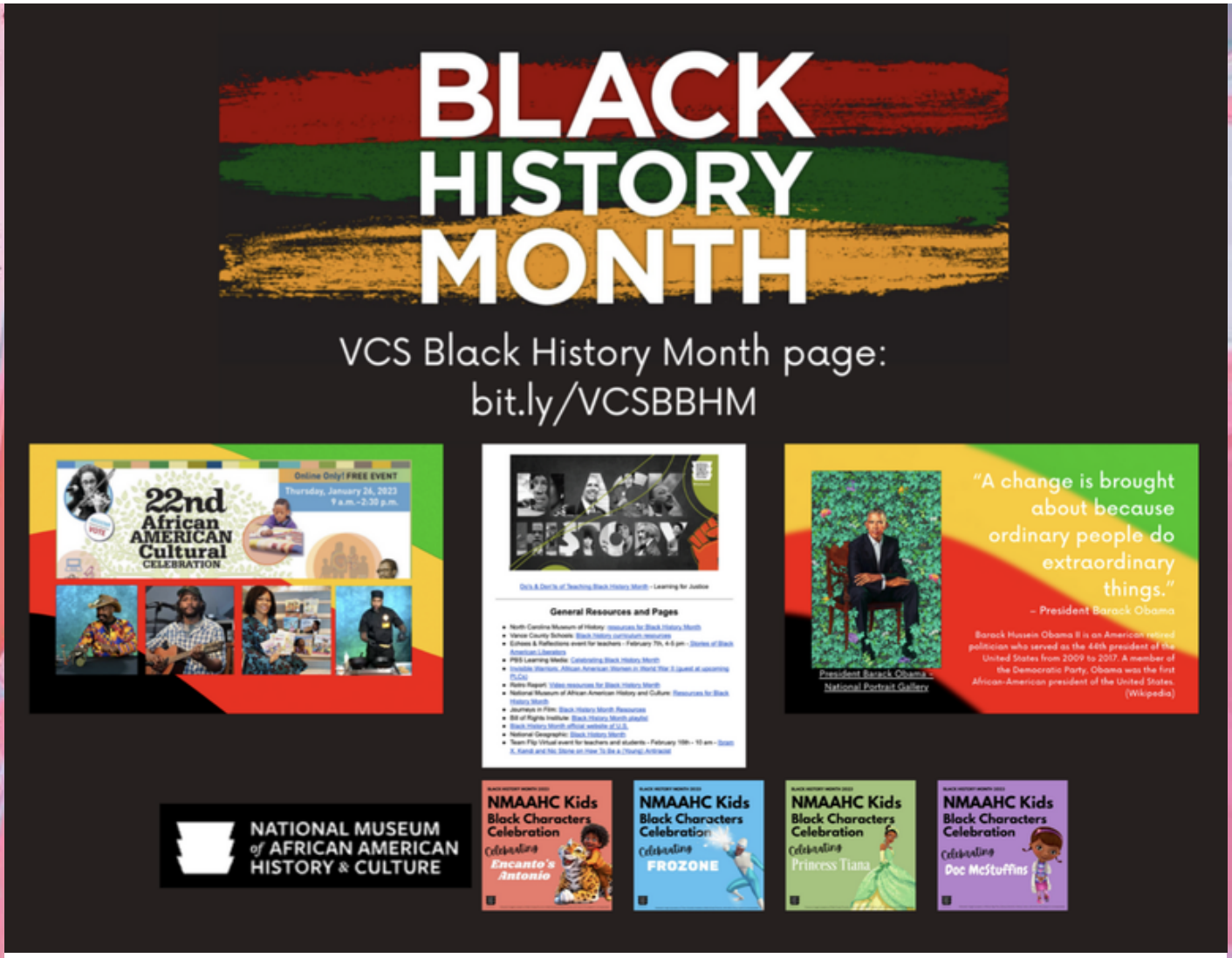
Kathryn Wilson: Top 25% in the district (Reading)
Loricia Martin: Top 25% in the district (Reading)
Analiza Maghanoy: Top 25% in the district (Reading)
Joshua Tilghman: Top 25% in the district (Reading)
Jennivise Lindsay: Top 25% in the district and state of NC (Reading)
Sharita Jones: Top 25% in the district and state of NC (Reading)
Colleen Tyburski: Top 25% in the district (Reading)
Raegan Ross: Top 25% in the district and state of NC (Math)
Fe McCoy: Top 25% in the district and state of NC (Math)
Joy Herndon: Top 25% in the district and state of NC (Math)
Robin Tanner-Soyers: Top 25% in the district (Math)
Adith Williams-White: Top 25% in the district and state of NC (Math)
Jhaneille Downer: Top 25% in the district and state of NC (Math)
Shanae Reid: Top 25% in the district and state of NC (Math)
Alicia Shearin: Top 25% in the state of NC (Math)
Megha Naik: Top 25% in the district (Math)
Grant Hairston: Top 25% in the district and state of NC (Math)
Lynn Conlee: Top 25% in the district (Math)
Roanna Evans: Top 25% in the district and state of NC (Math)

Congratulations to each of these honorees.



VANCE COUNTY SCHOOLS Educators

Black History Month





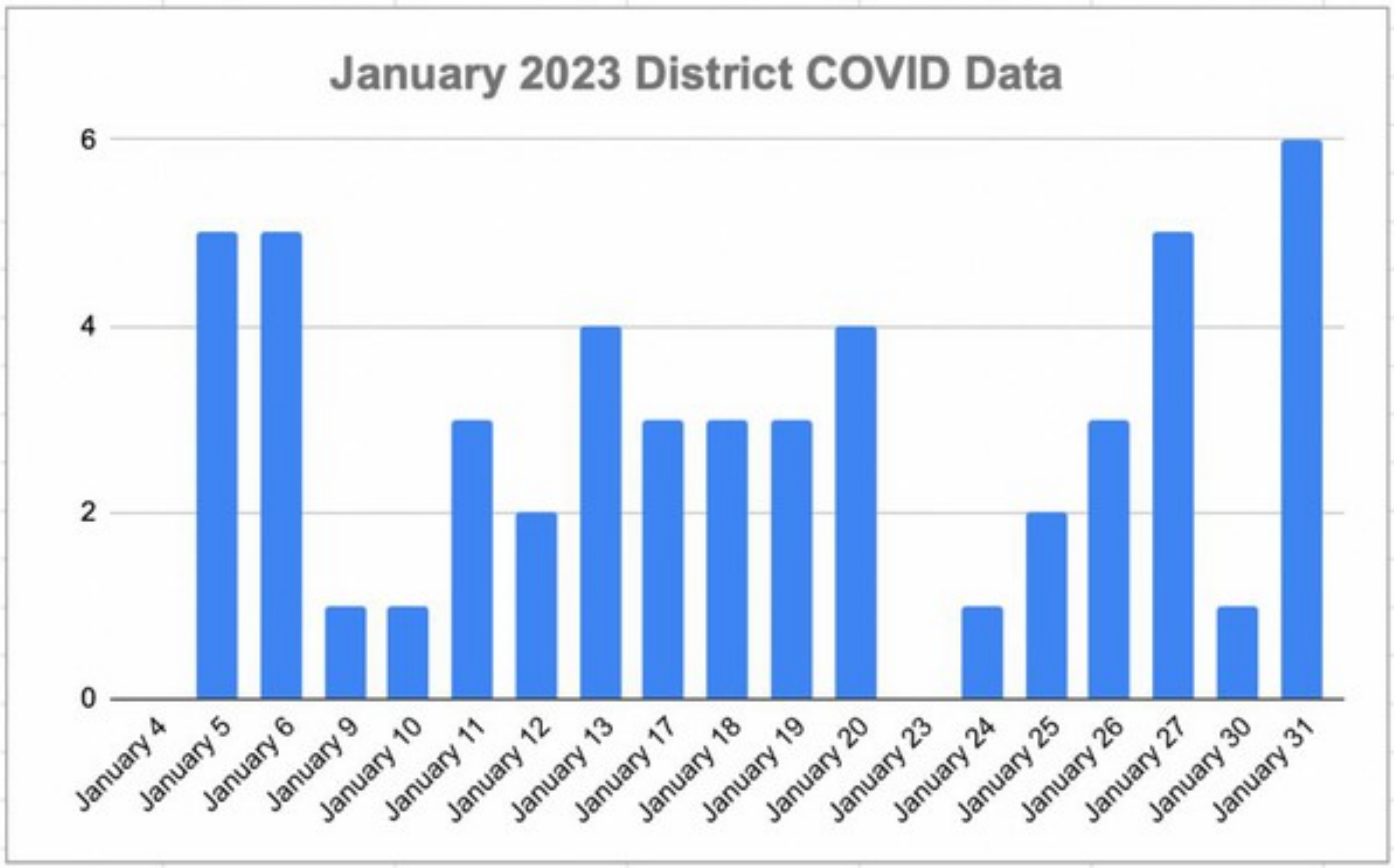
VCS Honors Black History Month

Dr. Tim Hall, Vance County Schools Social Studies Curriculum Specialist, presented information and resources about Black History Month to the Vance County Board of Education. The resource library has been shared with staff throughout the district to utilize in classrooms and building-wide. The entire nation has come to recognize the importance of Black history and we continue to promote the study of Black history all year, to encourage our students to learn the history and how it has shaped America.

Superintendent's Report

COVID Dashboard: January 2023

Dr. Cindy Bennett, Superintendent, shared that the COVID-19 dashboard continues to be updated on the VCS website.



Heart Health Awareness / Project Adam

Vance County Schools is currently working towards becoming a heart safe district through Project Adam. A Project ADAM Heart Safe School must successfully implement a quality sudden cardiac arrest program of awareness, have staff trained for such incidents and have an effective emergency response plan to promote a safe environment for students, visitors and staff as outlined. The district is working closely with Duke Children's Hospital and Project Adam staff to guide the work towards becoming a heart safe district.

More About Project Adam

Board Business



Action Items by the Board of Education

The Board of Education voted and approved the following:
- ESS Staffing Management System (substitute placement to replace previous system)
- Pathways to Practice Cohort 3
- Paxton Patterson Lab
- Project Arrow

Personnel

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Personnel SUMMARY

The Board of Education approved 13 employment recommendations. We would like to formally welcome the following: Tammy Johnson (Aycock), Lloyd Watkins, Jr. (EMR), Rocquan Perry (EMR), Hailey Reavis (EOY), Amanda O'Connor (NH), Dianne Davis (Transportation), Christy Bean (Warren), Jamie Grissom (ZV), Thomas Oothoudt (VCHS), Tammy Austin (VCMS), Tammy Barrow (VCMS), Kanisha Burwell (Transportation), Mercedes Hargrove (Transportation).

The Board accepted resignations for 5, retirement for 1, temporary/substitute employment for 12, transfer/promotions for 9 and 1 contracted services.

Student TRANSFERS

Student Transfer Requests

The Vance County Board of Education approved 1 requests to transfer into Vance County Schools and 3 requests to transfer out of Vance County Schools.

Next BOE Meeting will be March 13, 2023 at 6pm.

View the February 13, 2023 Board of Education Meeting

All meetings take place at 6pm at VCS Administrative Services Center.

March 13, 2023
April 3, 2023
May 8, 2023
June 5, 2023
July 10, 2023
August 14, 2023
September 11, 2023
October 9, 2023
November 20, 2023
December 11, 2023

Adopted by the Board of Education on December 12, 2022.

About Us

Vance County Schools, located in Henderson, NC serves students Pre-K through 12th grade, as well as Early College 5th year students. There are 16 schools served in our district.

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